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Friends,

This week, Vladimir Putin directed Russian forces to commence a brutal, unprovoked invasion of neighboring Ukraine. It is sobering to watch as Putin's violent march to reestablish the Soviet Union puts millions of innocent lives in grave danger.

We are also seeing great acts of courage and patriotism from brave Ukrainians who are fighting to defend their homeland in the face of evil. My heart goes out to the Ukrainian people. They are in my prayers, as I'm sure they are in yours. Putin and Russia should be held accountable for this evil, senseless attack. But I want to make clear that this attack was entirely preventable.

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Weak leadership and appeasing, globalist policies have dire consequences for both our country and our allies. Under President Trump, we saw a reversal of these destructive policies, including a renewal of domestic energy production and an end to policies that offshore our jobs and our manufacturing base. We were focused on building a strong, secure, and energy independent America that no longer was reliant on Russia or China. More importantly, America was strong, and our adversaries didn't dare cross us. But that is not the case today.

As we are seeing now, President Biden brought back the failed globalist policies that have eroded so much that we hold dear. And this weakness has emboldened our adversaries. On day one, Biden signaled the end of American energy independence by canceling the Keystone XL pipeline, leading to greater reliance on Russian and gas. He then proceeded to surrender the Nord Stream 2 pipeline to Russia, waiving the sanctions that President Trump fought to keep, making our allies in western Europe even more reliant on Russian natural gas. This is exactly why the Biden Administration's proposed sanctions avoid hitting Russia's energy exports. The Left's policies have put us in this position.

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Then, last August, Biden's disastrous Afghanistan withdrawal became an international embarrassment for our country. That event showed the world, especially our adversaries, that America was weak.

In a little over a year in office, America's strong energy dominance and fearless leadership on the world stage has evaporated under President Biden. When we could be lowering gas prices for Americans and slowing down Russia's foreign oil and gas exports, Biden's anti-American energy agenda instead leaves us unable to do either. When we could show resolve against Russia immediately, Biden instead says [we'll have to wait month to see if new sanctions are working](#).

Now is the time for strength. Now is the time to correct the globalist establishment's wrong policies that have crushed our energy independence and made us reliant on our adversaries for so long. Unfortunately, President Biden continues to do the opposite, and it is costing the people in Ukraine, our allies, and Americans at home.

With the crisis in Ukraine *"you can trace a direct line from the weakness of the United States through President Biden in Afghanistan to the current predicament of Ukraine,"* I told Stephanie Hamill on OAN this week.

The people of Ukraine *"would be in a different situation if Donald Trump were President. But President Biden is apparently not capable of backing up his tough talk."*

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Are you confident in Biden's leadership during this Ukraine crisis?

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## Ending Taxpayer Funded Critical Race Theory

Taxpayer dollars should never be used to fund poisonous Critical Race Theory. But sadly, that's what is happening in classrooms throughout the country, in the military, and throughout other federal government agencies.

**READ:** [Taxpayer-funded CRT must come to an end](#)

In a joint Fox News op-ed, President of the American Principles Project Terry Schilling and I make the case for Republicans in Congress to fight to fully defund CRT once and for all.

*"America's left-wing elites can't stop talking about race, specifically critical race theory (CRT). But taxpayers should not be on the hook for subsidizing this ideology,"* we wrote.

The bottom line: “*CRT-based initiatives are profoundly bigoted and wrong. No American should be forcefully subjected to these toxic ideas, and we certainly should not be teaching them on the public dime.*”

Americans know that CRT is as radical as it is divisive, and has no place in our schools, institutions, or places of work. So why are they being forced to pay for it? It’s time for Congress to get serious about combatting CRT, and I believe that means ensuring your tax dollars are protected and in no way used to fund this divisive ideology.

Sincerely,



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Member of Congress

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